



CERTIFICATE of RECOGNITION

By virtue of the authority vested by the Constitution in the Governor of the Commonwealth of Virginia, there is hereby officially recognized:

150TH ANNIVERSARY AMERICAN VETERINARY MEDICAL ASSOCIATION

WHEREAS, the American Veterinary Medical Association (AVMA) was founded in 1863 as the U.S. Veterinary Medical Association in New York City, New York; and

WHEREAS, the year 2013 will mark the 150th anniversary of organized veterinary medicine in the United States; and

WHEREAS, veterinarians have played an integral role in discovering the causes of numerous diseases that affect our state's citizens such as salmonellosis, West Nile infection, yellow fever and malaria; and

WHEREAS, veterinarians provide valuable public health service through preventive medicine, control of zoonotic diseases and scientific research; and

WHEREAS, veterinarians have advanced human and animal health by inventing and refining techniques and instrumentations such as artificial hips, bone plates, splints and arthroscopy; and

WHEREAS, veterinarians play integral roles in protecting the quality and security of our nation's national herd and food supply; and

WHEREAS, disaster relief veterinarians provide public health service and veterinary medical support to animals and humans displaced and ravaged by disasters; and

WHEREAS, veterinarians are dedicated to preserving the human-animal bond and promoting the highest standards of science-based, ethical animal welfare; and

WHEREAS, the Virginia Veterinary Medical Association, founded in 1894, is a state affiliate of the American AVMA and represents 965 veterinary practitioners within our Commonwealth; and

WHEREAS, colleagues from around the world will join veterinarians in the United States to celebrate this momentous occasion;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Robert F. McDonnell, do hereby recognize the 150TH ANNIVERSARY of the **AMERICAN VETERINARY MEDICAL ASSOCIATION** in our **COMMONWEALTH OF VIRGINIA**, and I call this observance to the attention of all our citizens; and

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Lesser Seal of the Commonwealth of Virginia this fifth day of June, two thousand thirteen and in the two hundred thirty-seventh year of the Commonwealth of Virginia.




Governor


Secretary of the Commonwealth